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AGREEMENT WITH THE EAST

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1. OUR MAIN COMMENT ON THE WORKING GROUP PAPER ON DATA
REQUIRING AGREEMENT WITH THE EAST IS CONTAINED IN THE
DIVERGENT TREATMENT OF THE SUBJECT MATTER IN THE
PAPER SENT SEPTEL. WE WOULD MAKE A FEW SPECIFIC COMMENTS
IN ADDITION. FIRST, WE CONCUR WITH THE WORKING GROUP
PAPER'S FINDING THAT AGREEMENT WITH THE EAST ON NUMERICAL
LEVELS OF FORCES PRIOR TO REDUCTIONS IS NOT ESSENTIAL FOR
AN AGREEMENT ON THE LINES OF THE ALLIED PHASE I PROPOSAL.
HOWEVER, THE PAPER SEEMS TO LEAD TO THE GENERAL

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CONCLUSION THAT NO AGREEMENT ON NUMBERS IS REALLY

NECESSARY IN PHASE I OR FOR THAT MATTER IN PHASE II
EXCEPT FOR THE SPECIFICATION OF THE COMMON CEILING.
THIS GOES TOO FAR. THE PAPER RESERVES TOO MANY ISSUES
FOR AGREEMENT ON DATA FOR PHASE II AND CONSEQUENTLY
FALLS BELOW THE MINIMUM PHASE I REQUIREMENTS FOR AGREED
FIGURES OUR ANALYSIS INDICATES IS NECESSARY. WE
THINK THIS IS A RISKY APPROACH, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS
FAILURE TO PIN DOWN NUMERICALLY THE RESIDUAL LEVEL OF
SOVIET FORCES FOLLOWING PHASE I REDUCTIONS.

2. THE PAPER CONFUSES VERIFICATION AND DATA REQUIREMENTS.
AS WE SEE IT, NUMERICAL DATA ARE NECESSARY FOR REACHING
AGREEMENT ON THE EXTENT OF REDUCTIONS AND FOR ESTABLISHING
CLEAR OBLIGATIONS FOR THE FUTURE. THE QUESTION OF HOW
AN AGREEMENT SHOULD BEST BE FORMULATED TO FACILITATE
VERIFICATION IS A SEPARATE ISSUE. YET THE PAPER STRESSES
THAT REDUCTIONS BE BY UNITS, IN ORDER TO EASE VERIFICA-
TION, RATHER THAN ASKING WHAT NUMERICAL DATA SHOULD BE
AGREED WITH THE EAST TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR CONTRACT.
MOREOVER, THIS EMPHASIS ON UNITS COULD REINFORCE THE
EASTERN REQUIREMENT THAT THE WEST REDUCE ONLY BY UNITS.
THIS COULD BE HARMFUL BOTH TO US INTERESTS IN PHASE I
AND ALLIED, PARTICULARLY FRG, INTERESTS IN PHASE II.
IN ADDITION, DESPITE THE PAPER'S RECOGNITION THAT
RESIDUAL LIMITS ON THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF UNITS PERMITTED
BOTH SIDES WOULD LIMIT ALLIED FLEXIBILITY FOR THE FUTURE,
THE PAPER NONETHELESS CREATES AN OPENING FOR SUCH LIM-
TATIONS THROUGH ITS EMPHASIS ON UNITS AS THE BEST WAY IN
WHICH AGREEMENT ON REDUCTIONS SHOULD BE REACHED WITH
THE EAST.

3. THE PAPER FORESEES ONLY A GENERALLY WORDED NO-
INCREASE COMMITMENT INSTEAD OF A NUMERICALLY SPECIFIED
RESIDUAL CEILING AFTER PHASE I. BUT, AS OUR ANALYSIS
INDICATES, A NO-INCREASE COMMITMENT WHICH HAS NO NUMERICAL
BASIS MAY BE SATISFACTORY FOR NATO AND WARSAW PACT
TOTALS BUT IS OF HIGHLY QUESTIONABLE VALUE WHEN APPLIED
TO SOVIET FORCES. RESOR

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